

# Miship language

**Miship**, or **Chip**, is an Afro-Asiatic language spoken in Plateau State, Nigeria. Doka is a dialect.<sup>[1]</sup> Blench lists the two dialects *Longmaar* and *Jibaam*.<sup>[3]</sup>

The Chip people are found in Pankshin LGA.<sup>[4]</sup>

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## People

The traditional occupation of Chip people is farming. The people worship Na'an (God). Oral tradition states that they migrated from Kanem-Bornu to their present homeland with other tribes, Ngas, Mupun, and Mwaghavul.<sup>[5]</sup>

Most Chip names are unisex, so in order to differentiate a man from a woman, the prefix *Na* is added to the woman's name and *Da* is added to the man's. For example, for a man and a woman both sharing Nandi, the man would be Danan, and the woman Nanan.

## Words

- God - Na'an / Nan
- Father - Nda
- Child - La
- Girl - Larep
- Wash - Vang
- Person - Gurum
- Rain - Fuan/Fwan
- Children - Jep
- Food - Sehh/ Gwom/Mun
  
- Rice - Kapa
- Acha - Kuzuk
- Soup - Tok

Miship	
Chip	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Plateau State
Native speakers	(6,000 cited 1976) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Chadic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ West Chadic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Bole–Angas<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Angas (A.3)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Miship</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mjs
Glottolog	mish1244 ( <span>http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/mish1244</span> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

- Chicken - Co
- Dog - As
- Goat - Irr
- Meat - Lu

*Lu* ('meat') is used to specifically refer to meat from animals. For example, 'chicken' would be Lu Co.

## Phrases

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- What is your name - Sim yi awe? (girl); Sim gih awe? (boy)
- Good night - Nan yakal kih mun.
- Bye - Sai dih darr. Tehra\_ Good morning.

## Numbers

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- One - Kihme
- Two - Vul
- Three - Kun
- Four - Ferre
- Five - Pa'ad

## Notes

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